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Coconino County Sheriff's Office and other Northern AZ Law Enforcement Agencies Partner to Utilize COPLINK Lead Generating Software for Enhanced Crime Fighting

Flagstaff, AZ – The Coconino County Sheriff's Office was awarded a grant in the amount of \$126,285 that allowed us to purchase and implement the COPLINK Solution Suite of software. The COPLINK system organizes and rapidly analyzes vast quantities of structured and seemingly unrelated data that is housed in various incompatible databases and record management systems, over a highly secure intranet-based platform.

This powerful artificial intelligence based software application is the very latest weapon in fighting crime and terrorism. COPLINK allows deputies and detectives to quickly and easily view the results of sophisticated analysis from complex data searches that uncover hidden relationships and associations across multiple database sources; even in legacy systems, whether they are available locally, regionally, or nationally. COPLINK links to any type of database.

COPLINK allows users to make queries regarding a person, location, vehicle, organization, and incident/crime. It sorts, analyzes, formats, and links information across multiple agencies' records. It synthesizes the information from multiple sources onto one screen for easy viewing and analysis that are quick and help increase officer efficiency.

COPLINK is an analytical tool that allows deputies and officers to investigate and track offenders that transcend regions, and jurisdictional boundaries. Obviously criminal activity often crosses jurisdictional boundaries and law enforcement agencies have been confronted with the inability to access data and information from other agencies that might help identify a suspect, solve a crime, or enhance problem oriented policing activities.

The Coconino County Sheriff's Office Participates in the Arizona Link, which is a statewide project designed to integrate the COPLINK program and the Justice Web Integration Program. The ultimate goal is to provide a valuable criminal lead generating system to deputies, police officers and detectives to investigate crimes, identify suspects and arrest them. Deputies are able to access in-depth valuable information almost immediately which is very important during criminal investigations.



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Establishing a network for information sharing among law enforcement agencies, both regionally and statewide, allows for better communication and enhanced tactical and proactive policing in the identification and pursuit of suspected offenders.

The AZ Link is sponsored by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and much of the funding used for this project is pass down money from the Office of Homeland Security. Justice Web Integration (JWI) is a program that was developed and funded by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. However, it is available for utilization by law enforcement agencies throughout Arizona.

With the consolidation of COPLINK and JWI, deputies and officers may access information from national, state, and local computer systems and data banks. COPLINK provides a lead generating system while JWI provides real time information for street deputies and tactical responses. At the end of 2009, 24 Arizona Law Enforcement Agencies were connected to the AZ link system. By the end of 2010 it anticipated that 11,000 of the estimated 14,000 Arizona Law Enforcement Field Officers will have the advanced power of information sharing, which is 78 % of all Arizona Law Enforcement Officers in the field. Northern Arizona Law Enforcement Agencies that currently participate in the AZ Link and COPLINK programs include: Coconino County Sheriff's Office, Flagstaff Police Department, Yavapai County Sheriff's Office, Williams Police Department, Northern Arizona University Police Department, and the Chino Valley Police Department.